

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
March 21, 2005 - 7:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM**

Board Members Present: Richard J. Kirchner, Chairman
Janet G. Stanton, Selectman
David D. Macy, Selectman

Others Present: Robert Weitz, Town Administrator
Diane P. Roosa, Recording Secretary
Albert E. Bessette, Jr., Right of Way Manager, Verizon
Sheryl Lechner, Berkshire Eagle
Marina Coulon
Eleanor F. Whitehouse
Dolores Berkery
Vito Valentini
Jared Clayton
Julie Hannum

Chairman Kirchner called meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES for March 7 and March 14, 2005 and Executive Session of March 14, 2005 meetings. **Selectman Stanton moved to approve the minutes of the March 7 and March 14, 2005 and the Executive Session meeting of March 14, 2005, seconded by Selectman Macy. Motion carried unanimously.**

OLD BUSINESS:

a) Continuation of Public Hearing: Verizon New England, Inc. - Re: Petition for Joint or Identical Pole Relocation on Berkshire School Road.

Albert Bessette, Jr., Right of Way Manager of Verizon was present to inform the Board that a meeting had been held with the abutters of the property referenced above and that all of the issues had been resolved satisfactorily. The amendments made are as follows:

1. **98 Berkshire School Road, J. Russell** - A guy-wire attached to tree will be replaced with a push brace on the other side of the road.
2. **152 Berkshire School Road, B. Margolis** - Concern about a Sycamore Tree being removed. Tree will not be interfered with.
3. **114 Berkshire School Road, B. Williamson** - Concern about interruption of water service. Dig Safe will be contacted prior to any work performed in this area.

Town Administrator Weitz stated that he had also attended the meeting and felt that issues discussed at meeting had been resolved. A question was raised as to whether or not Mrs. Margolis was satisfied with the outcome, as she had not attended the meeting. Mr. Bessette stated that he understood her to be satisfied, however, he would follow up with a phone call to her to make sure there were no issues that had not been addressed. **Selectman Macy moved to approve the petition as amended, seconded by Selectman Stanton. Motion carried unanimously.**

b) Lantern Entertainment License

Selectman Macy stated that letters have been received regarding concerns relative to granting an entertainment license to The Lantern, and that the Board was still waiting for information from the Board of Health relative to the septic system, as well as a letter from the Building Inspector with his recommendations. Selectman Macy further stated that without all of the information the Board was not in a position to act on the request for an entertainment license at this time. Chairman Kirchner announced that the Board would consider holding a Public Hearing to hear concerns in granting an entertainment license to The Lantern. **Selectman Macy moved that a Public Hearing be held regarding request for entertainment license for The Lantern, Monday, April 4, 2005 at a time to be announced, seconded by Selectman Stanton. Motion carried unanimously.**

PERSONNEL POLICY AMENDMENTS

Town Administrator Weitz stated that Counsel had recommended language changes to Section VII of the Personnel Policy (copy attached to file). **Selectman Stanton moved that the changes be accepted as noted, seconded by Selectman Macy. Motion carried unanimously.**

STREET CURB CUT PERMIT:

A brief discussion was held on the request from Kenny Race for a street curb cut on Polikoff Road. **Selectman Macy moved that the Street Curb Cut Permit for Kenny Race on Polikoff Road be granted pending approval by the Chief of Police, James McGarry, seconded by Selectman Stanton. Motion carried unanimously.**

BOARD OF SELECTMEN ITEMS:

The Board had no items for discussion.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Sheryl Lechner, Berkshire Eagle reporter, asked whether or not the Board could share with her any information pertaining to the meeting held on March 14, 2005 regarding the Senior Center. Selectman Stanton stated that she had attended the meeting and that it was a group of interested citizens only. According to Selectman Stanton, the group is looking for viable options and no decisions were made at this informal meeting.

There was no other public comment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Selectman Stanton moved to adjourn the meeting to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Collective Bargaining and to not return to Open Session, seconded by Selectman Macy. Roll Call Vote: Selectman Macy - Aye; Selectman Stanton-Aye, and Chairman Kirchner-Aye.

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane P. Roosa
Recording Secretary